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DISCRETE SYSTEM

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

[ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (35 pages).

[ X ] Formal drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1-9).

☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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|  | Claims<br>as Filed |   | Included in<br>Basic Fee |   | Extra<br>Claims |   | Rate   |   | Fee<br>Totals |
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| Basic Fee                                      |                    |   |                          |   |                 |   | \$770.00                                       |   | \$770.00      |
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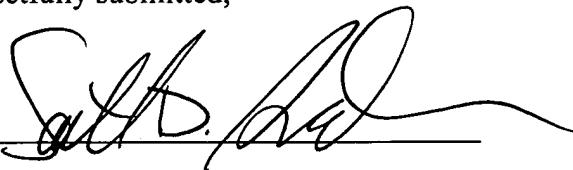
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